THE AUSTRIAN OFFENSIVE IN ITALY ENDS IN ROUT

ARMY OF ITALY TAKES NEARLY 50,000 AUSTRIAN PRISONERS

Enemy Leaves Two Thousand Men To Defend the Montello When He Begins Disastrous Retreat, But These Fall Into Hands of Victorious Italians and Are Also Made Prisoners — Italians Clearing the Country of Invaders.

London, June 24—From the Montello southeast to the Adriatic the Austrians have been cleared from the entire west bank of the Piave with the exception of a small section in the vicinity of Musile, nearly opposite San Dona Di Piave, where the struggle is continuing. The Italians have nearly 50,000 prisoners.

According to early despatches received in London this morning the Austrians had left two thousand men to defend the Montello spur and these fell into the hands of the victors.

It was not expected that there would be great captures of Austrian guns, as because of the flooded river the enemy has not been able to transfer many of his big pieces across the stream.

The Pursuit.

These early advances also indicated that a rapid advance by the Italians could not be expected, as the Austrians had some twenty divisions in reserve, which was a formidable force to reckon with, and it was thought probable that there would be strenuous Austrian resistance at the bridgeheads on the left bank of the Piave, which were well fortified.

However, it was pointed out, should the cavalry which Gen. Diaz has thrown across the river succeed in outflanking these bridgheads, the task of forging ahead will be considerably less difficult.

It was thought possible the enemy would launch an attack around the Asiago plateau with the object of driving a wedge in here and thus giving him a chance to re-organize while the Italian attention was thus distracted.

Meanwhile the Italian artillery is being systematically advanced toward the Piave, and, with the captured Austrian guns and the recaptured Italian artillery, is heavily bombarding the retreating Austrians. Bridgeheads already have been thrown across the river by the Italians.

Between Montello and Zenson, the Italians are on the river for the entire distance. They are sending over cavalry between the Conegliano and Oderzo, in order to clear the country.

"Victory is Ours."

Italian Army Headquarters, June 23 (Sunday.)—An artillery staff officer arriving from the fighting zone on the Piave River exclaimed as he ran into the Italian army headquarters:

"Victory is ours. We have put the enemy across the Piave all the way."

The present victory of the Italian army is considered by military officials to be greater than that of the Austrians on the Bainsizza Plateau last fall. The Austrian retreat was made more difficult by a violent thunder storm.

The Italian attack began at dawn on Sunday. With the Montello on the left flank, the attack was carried out all along the line through Candelu to San Dona Di Piave.

The Austrian retreat, which began in an orderly manner, soon became wildly disorganized and confused. Many thousands of Austro-Hungarians surrendered at the first opportunity when overtaken by their pursuers.

INDIAN BOY IS DROWNED IN THE MAGAGUADAVIC

Joseph Moore, Jr., of Pleasant Point, Me., Falls From Logs —Brother Killed in France.

Special to The Standard.

St. George, June 24.—A sad drowning accident occurred in the Magaguadavic River, two miles from town, at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon when an Indian boy, Joseph Moore, Jr., lost his life. The boy, who was 17 years of age, was with his father, Joseph Moore, Sr. He was employed by the St. George Pulp and Paper Co., pulling logs from the shore. In some way not quite clear the boy slipped from a raft. The accident was not known until his father, who was on the opposite side, happened to see the boy's feet floating in the water. The father was too late to save his son. A crowd of men recovered the body two hours later in thirty feet of water two hundreds yards from the scene.

The body will be taken to Pleasant Point, Me., the Indian village of the Passamaquoddies, to which tribe the Moores belong. The family was bereaved a year ago when another son gave up his life in France. A third son is at the front.

PREMIER CAN SEE ANXIOUS DAYS AHEAD

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and it was just as possible that the allies might be exaggerating the losses inflicted on the Germans. What was certain, however, was that there had been a great drain on the enemy reserves.

No Computation

It was impossible, continued the premier to make a computation of the relative strength of the forces at the present date. The American troops were arriving at a great rate and he should be very much surprised if it in a comparatively short time the allied strength on the western front was not greater than the Germans. The Germans were in the position of having to throw in their last reserves within the next two months, and lacking further reserves except by the most drastic combing from essential industries. There were indications that they were already resorting to such combing, which proved that the allies had inflicted heavy losses in the course of this campaign.

In the next couple of months, said the premier, the position would naturally be an anxious one, but the allied position was gradually improving and he could say without boasting, which would be folly, that the allied general felt confident of the issue.

Russian Situation.

With regard to Russia, that country was in a perfectly chaotic condition. One could hardly find the same government in any two villages. It was useless talking about the Russian government, as if there were one government for the whole country. That was one of the difficulties that had to be dealt with. There was a defacto government in Moscow, but also one in almost every other place and conditions were changing daily.

"I quite agree that it is to our interest and just and equitable to stand by Russia, if Russia wants us to," said the premier. "Russia has been brutally treated by Germany. She has been dismembered, and the treaties which Germany concluded have not been respected twenty-four hours, in defiance of the treaties with Germany is the march through Ukraine, the Don territory and Caucasia, and she will carry her march to the north.

"No doubt these facts are getting well into the minds of the Russian people. The feeling in Russia some months ago that there was no difference between the allied and the enemy country, but that all were striving greedily for territory has disappeared. The Russians are beginning to realize what German militarism means. Even the Ukranian peasants are in revolt against German interference.

"I have been informed on very good authority during the last few hours that hatred for the Germans is sinking deeper and deeper into the minds of the Russian population, especially in the parts occupied by the Germans. My informant tells me that Russia is readier than ever to participate in any movement to drive the Germans from Russia."

ROME THINKS THE WAR MAY BE BROUGHT TO CLOSE THIS YEAR

If Allies Give Italians Full Measure of Support in Offensive Which Has Been Launched Against Austrians, Further Successes Can Be Attained —Defeat Will Have Wonderful Effect on Dissatisfied Population of Dual Monarchy.

Washington, June 24—Confidence at Rome that the war may be brought to a victorious close this year, if the Allies give the Italians a full measure of support in the offensive which has been launched against the Austrians, is reflected in official wireless despatches received today from the Italian capital.

These messages say the Austrian retreat across the Piave, in which the Italians already have taken 45,000 prisoners, has become a veritable rout, but that information from secret sources shows that many divisions of German troops have been despatched from the front in France and are being rushed to the aid of the Austrian army.

London, June 24—All but one of the bridges left for the Austrian retreat across the Piave have been destroyed by the Italian artillery, according to advices received here this afternoon. It is added that enormous booty has been taken by the Italians.

Violent Storm.

Italian Army Headquarters, Sunday, June 23.—Rain, which had been falling for eight days broke forth more violently about daylight today at a time when Italian artillery and machine guns began to open up upon the retiring Austrians who were struggling knee-deep in mire. The Austrian retreat, which began in an orderly manner, soon became wildly disorganized and confused. Many thousands of Austro-Hungarians surrendered at the first opportunity when overtaken by their pursuers.

The Italian cavalry took part in the pursuit, harrying the fugitives.

As the Austrians were pressed by the Italians they threw away their guns and equipment. They even left on the Montello stacks of bread, canned meat and preserves which Austrian aviators had succeeded in bringing to them.

The Austrians crossed the Piave on rafts and boats which they had brought up or had prepared during the darkness on Saturday night. They left well built trenches, great quantities of ammunition and blankets and every variety of army equipment in their retreat.

Complete Rout.

Paris, June 23.—The Austrian offensive appears to have ended in a rout, according to the view taken by the Paris press of the news from the Italian front, as summarized today by the Havas Agency. Believing that under such conditions as the news indicates the enemy will be compelled to give up important booty in material and prisoners to the victorious Italians, the newspapers predict that the unquestionable defeat will react seriously upon the population of the dual monarchy, so sorely tried by hunger.

HAIG'S STATEMENT

London, June 24.—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France tonight says:

"The minor operation carried out last night in the neighborhood of Meteren was completely successful; all our objectives were gained and our line advanced. In addition to the urisoners reported ten machine guns were taken.

"A few prisoners were captured last night in a raid by the French troops in the Locre sector.

LYNCH HONORED

London, June 24.—Arthur Lynch, nationalist member of parliament for West Clare, has been offered and accepted a commission as Colonel in the British army. It is understood he is going to Ireland to assist in the recruiting campaign.

Colonel Lynch was a Colonel in the Boer army in the South African war. For this he was convicted of high treason, but was pardoned by King Edward.

A CAPTAIN IS BLAMED FOR JESUIT RAID

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has rigidly enforced the military service act ever since I have had the honor of serving under him. There has been no favoritism, no one could have administered the act any better than the minister of justice had done, because the act itself invited exemption rather than conscription.

"There is a strong desire on the part of the militia department to take over the work of the military service act, and the officers who have heretofore been connected with it as a part of that department. It has been openly stated, and I have been informed from private sources, that it would be accomplished before July first. The only reason that I can ascribe for any such desire is the personal ambition of the entourage of the new minister of militia. And as a Canadian citizen with eight months' experience in the government department I would suggest to the militia department that they clean their own house before tackling anything new.

Jesuit College Raid.

"There is evidence that a powerful cabal exists at Ottawa against the minister of justice, which showed its hand last week in the disgraceful and brutal raid of the Jesuit College at Guelph. The fact that the minister's son was at college, points rather to personal spite than public necessity. Having already obtained control of the Dominion police the entourage now purposes controlling the operation of the military service act and its officials.

"Let me say that the quota of men authorized by parliament has practically been raised. The militia department have granted some ten thousand men leave of absence after they had been enrolled, and this they do not propose to count. But nevertheless they have been raised under the military service act by operation of the department of justice.

"If I am allowed, which I very much doubt, to continue my work, there is no question that before the end of August the province of Quebec will have produced 25,000 men under the M. S. A.

Protests as Anglican.

"As an Anglican, I desire to protest as emphatically as I know how against the brutal treatment meted out to the Jesuit College at Guelph and to say that the men who are responsible for that action ought to be made to realize that when they are indulging in such spite they are encouraging a strife between religious denominations and to be prepared to accomplish responsibility of such a grave conduction, simply to fulfill personal vanity, then they are worse than the Huns."

"Speaking off-hand, the greatest percentage of recruits according to denominations in Canada are as follows:—Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholics and Methodists, in the order named. One would think that the Methodists of Ontario had done more than any other denomination.

Attacks Methodists.

"I say it advisedly, knowing full well my responsibility in my official capacity, and as a member of the Ontario legislature, that the greatest menace to the province of Ontario is the Methodist church, which seems to make us in Ontario the most hypocritical body or class of people in the Dominion of Canada."

Col. Machin went overseas as colonel in command of the 94th Battalion, having refused a judgship to do so, and his present position, which he says, he does not expect to hold, is worth $6,000 a year. He is a Conservative.

The Raid Denounced.

Quebec, June 24—Under the heading "Criminal Bigotry" the Quebec Chronicle in an editorial appearing today indignantly denounces the raid on the Jesuit Novitiate at Guelph, terming it "a disastrous and utterly senseless outrage."

The article in part says: "At the bottom of the petty persecution of this Jesuit College in Ontario there can be discerned the main motives which have been hurled as a reproach against Quebec by the sister province. Religious fanaticism and clerical interference in affairs of state. While we are not yet clear as to the origin of these groundless accusations, to be shared in full between the Orange Sentinel, which gave them publicity, and a small band of Protestant ministers in Guelph, afflicted with a narrow and half-baked mentality, who forced their investigation.

"These men, belonging to a type which feeds its vanity and fattens its purse upon sensation, inveigh against the 'Kaiserism' of the militia department in suppressing their charges, but the country will agree that such 'Kaiserism' is less harmful than their own priestcraft."

TWO IN AUTO KILLED

Moose Jaw, Sask., June 24.—John Carleton, of Pasqua, Sask., and Mrs. John Harrison, of Ripley, Ont., were killed, and Mrs. Smith, of Sarnia, Ont., dangerously injured, when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a C. P. R. train at a crossing near Moose Jaw college.

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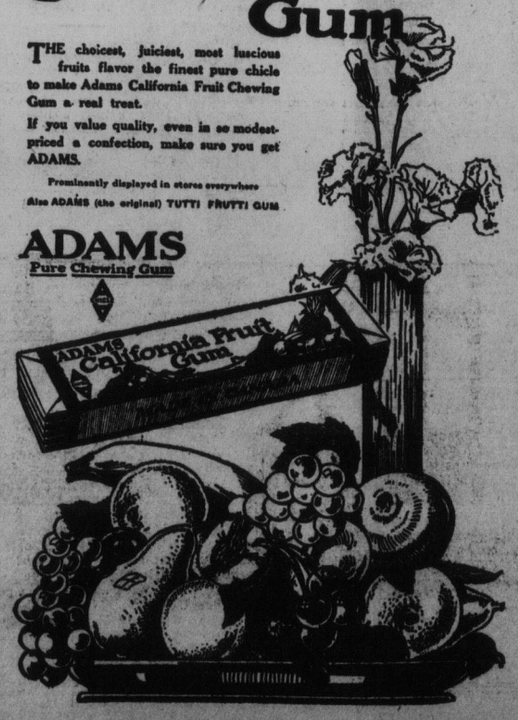

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THE CAPTURE OF MONTELLO MIGHTY FEAT

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lery and airplanes, the enemy, after having maintained himself desperately for eight days, at the price of enormous sacrifices on the right bank of the river, began on the night of Jun 22-23 his withdrawal to the left bank of the river."

"The crossing of the river under the deadly fire of our artillery continued yesterday, protected by a strong array of machine guns and covering troops, which, after stubborn resistance were successfully driven back, with our troops at their heels."

"The Montello and all the right bank of the Piave, with the exception of a small portion of the bank at Musile, where the struggle is continuing, have returned into our hands. So far more than four thousand prisoners have been counted."

A great quantity of arms and materials of all kinds has fallen into our hands. An extraordinary number of Austrian dead covers the ground of the struggle. This proves the unfortunate valor and the great defeat of the enemy."

THE U. S. RAILROADS GET AN EXTENSION

Washington, June 24—The Interstate Commerce Commission today granted railroads an additional thirty days in which to file schedules of increased freight rates ordered by Director General McAdoo and effective tomorrow. Under a previous ruling of the commission the roads were required to file the new schedules on or before June 27.

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New Moon, 8th ....., 7h. 3m. p.m.
First Quarter, 16th .... 10h. 12m. a.m.
Full Moon, 24th ..... 7h. 38m. a.m.

Date	D. of W.	Sun Rises	Sun Sets	H. Water, a.m	H. Water, p.m.	L. Water, a.m.	L. Water, p.m.
25	Tue	5.42	9.11	.....	13.15	7.06	19.28
26	Wed	5.42	9.11	1.30	13.55	7.46	20.11
27	Thu	5.43	9.11	2.13	14.36	8.29	20.56
28	Fri	5.42	9.11	2.58	15.22	9.16	21.43

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts — Maritime — Moderate westerly winds, mostly fair, and a little warmer.

Washington, June 24—Northern New England—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, warmer north portion Tuesday, moderate west winds.

Toronto, Ont., June 24—Showers have occurred today in many parts of Alberta and western Saskatchewan, and are occurring this evening in Ontario. The temperature has been a little higher from Ontario eastward, and a little lower in the western provinces.

	Min.	Max.
Kamloops	58	86
Edmonton	56	58
Parry Sound	44	72
London	41	80
Toronto	50	76
Kingston	44	64
Ottawa	48	72
Montreal	52	74
Quebec	46	70
St. John	48	62
Halifax	50	66

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